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In re Application of

ARNOLD-HUYSER, et al.

Serial No.: 10/532,287

PCT No.: PCT/US03/33256

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Atty Docket No.: 026032-4900

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DECISION ON RENEWED

PETITION UNDER

37 CFR 1.47(a)

This decision is in response to applicant's "Renewed Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a)" filed 16 October 2006 to accept the application without the signature of joint inventor John S. Bambini.

BACKGROUND

On 15 May 2006, applicant was mailed a decision dismissing applicant's petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a). Applicant was afforded two months to file a request for reconsideration and advised that this period could be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a).

On 16 October 2006, applicant filed the present renewed petition accompanied by a petition for a three-month extension of time. Applicant's response is considered timely filed.

DISCUSSION

A petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) must be accompanied by (1) the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(I), (2) factual proof that the missing joint investor refuses to execute the application or cannot be reached after diligent effort, (3) a statement of the last known address of the missing inventor, and (4) an oath or declaration by each 37 CFR 1.47(a) applicant on his or her own behalf and on behalf of the non-signing joint inventor. Applicant previously satisfied items 1, 3 and 4.

Applicant has presently provided sufficient evidence to show that the non-signing inventor was presented with a complete set of application papers and has not returned an executed oath or declaration. This information combined with the previously filed e-mail refusal of the inventor satisfies the remaining issue from the decision of 15 May 2006 and it is proper to grant applicant's

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renewed petition at this time.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons above, applicant's renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **GRANTED**.

The application has an international filing date of 20 October 2003 under 35 U.S.C. 363, and will be given a date of 24 February 2006 under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4).

As provided in 37 CFR 1.47(c), a notice of the filing of this application will be forwarded to the non-signing inventors at their last known addresses of record. A notice of the filing of the application under 37 CFR 1.47(a) will be published in the Official Gazette.

This application is being returned to the DO/EO/US for processing in accordance with this decision.

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Dear Mr. Bambini:

You are named as an inventor in the above identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.47(a) and 35 U.S.C. 116. Should a patent be granted, you will be designated as an inventor. As a named inventor, you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or to make your position of record in the application. Alternately, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent agent or attorney presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join in the application, the law firm of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of the appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

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